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1. BORIS PETKOVSKY, DIRECTOR MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART IN SKOPJE, PLA;S ARRIVE BELGRADE WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 4:50 PM ON JAT 211.

2. DESPITE PETKOVSKY'S EARLIER EXPRESSED DESIRE (REFTEL B) SPEND SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF US STAY AT ONE MAJOR MUSEUM, HE REJECTED SPECIAL PROGRAM ESTABLISHED FOR HIM AT MUSEUM OF MODERN ART (MOMA). PETKOVSKY CLAIMED NO ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE OF SPECIAL PROGRAM AT MOMA (THOUGH HE HAD MOMA MATERIALS WITH HIM) AND OPTED INSTEAD FOR PROGRAM OF MUSEUM VISITS THROUGHOUT US (CF. PROGRAM POUCHED EMBASSY JUNE 24). ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY SPONSOR REPORTS, PETKOVSKY HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO PROGRAM AND CONDESCENDING TOWARD PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS, WHOM HE CONSIDERED "UNDERLINGS" OF INSUFFICIENT STATURE (IN THIS LATTER CATEGORY FOR EXAMPLE, WERE THE CURATORS OF THE GUGGENHEIM AND WHITNEY MUSEUMS').

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